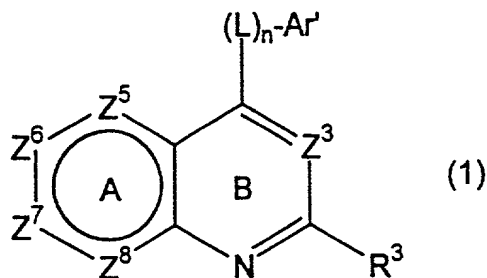


Abstract

The invention is directed to methods to inhibit TGF- β and/or p38- α kinase using compounds of the formula



or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof

wherein R^3 is a noninterfering substituent;

each Z is CR^2 or N, wherein no more than two Z positions in ring A are N, and

wherein two adjacent Z positions in ring A cannot be N;

each R^2 is independently a noninterfering substituent;

L is a linker;

n is 0 or 1; and

Ar' is the residue of a cyclic aliphatic, cyclic heteroaliphatic, aromatic or heteroaromatic moiety optionally substituted with 1-3 noninterfering substituents.